

# September 2019 Locust Run/Thompstontown UMC Newsletter

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

This fall we will do heart check-ups. Now – to be clear – we will not do cardiological exams. No one will need to do an EKG before Holy Communion. Our focus is not on the organ in our bodies that pumps blood. Instead, our focus will be on our inmost parts of our beings where our deepest convictions and desires live.

As part of our heart check-ups, the sermons in worship will focus on the Gospel of Luke. We will start right after the Christmas story. Soon after Jesus' birth, his parents present him at the Temple in Jerusalem. They encounter a man named Simeon. The Holy Spirit told him he would meet the Messiah (God's chosen one). He has been waiting years to meet Jesus. When that blessed day arrives, God speaks to Mary and Joseph through him. After praising God and blessing the family, he tells Mary, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul." (Luke 2: 34-35, *NLT 2nd ed.*).

In September and October, our sermons will explore what it means that Jesus came to reveal the deepest thoughts of many hearts. What does Jesus reveal about our hearts? What does Jesus reveal about the heart of God? How can our hearts more closely match God's heart?

Our fall Bible Study will also focus on our hearts. We will look at parts of 1st Samuel. Hearts are a major theme in the book. Famously, when God chooses David as the next king. God tells Samuel he is not worried about outward appearances, but concerned about the person's heart. The book of Acts tells us that God chose David as king because he was a "man after my heart," (Acts 13:22, *NRSV*). David is far from a perfect man. He extorts, kills, and even commits adultery. How can we understand him as a man after God's heart?

Our Bible studies will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Tuesday sessions will be at Locust Run at 7:00pm. Thompstontown will host the Wednesday sessions at 10:00am. See the announcement in this newsletter for more information.

Please consider having a heart check-up with us this fall. I believe the biggest problems in our lives, in our community, and in the church come from problems of the heart. God cares deeply about the state of our hearts. This fall we have a chance for our hearts to grow closer to God's heart. – *Pastor Andrew*

## NEWSLETTER DELIVERY INFO

The TT-LR Newsletter can be sent to you in several ways – by e-mail and U.S. mail. If you'd like to get your newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail to the JAGM office ([jagmin@embarqmail.com](mailto:jagmin@embarqmail.com)) and you'll be added to the e-mail list. If you'd like a copy mailed to you or would like a large-print version, contact the JAGM office by phone 717-4535-5766 and verify your address. You can also pick one up at either church near the bulletins.

– *Nancy Walters, JAGM Administrative Assistant*

## TT CONGREGATION

We are continually collecting items for the Juniata County Food Pantry and soda tabs to help the elementary school and the Ronald McDonald House. Any questions? See me. – *Connie Eaton*

## LR CONGREGATION – TWO REMINDERS

There is a basket in the vestibule to collect Box Tops for Education for Juniata Mennonite School. Don't forget to get your Weis/Giant grocery cards. How? Check out the Sunday morning slides.

## TT CONGREGATION - PENNIES FOR PIPP

The August Pennies for Pipp collection was \$47.81. Thank you for supporting this mission! -- *Connie*

## SODA TABS & "SHINY" MAGAZINES

TT & LR are collecting soda tabs and "shiny" magazines for Ronald McDonald House. (They recycle these items.) Both churches have a box for the magazines. We have used many services that the RMH provides both in the Children's Hospital and at the House itself. The Ronald McDonald House in Hershey is the only one in the state that provides housing/lodging FREE of charge to families and patients of the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. They also provide a hot, home-cooked meal every day for families and twice a day on the weekends for families and patients as well. We go to RMH monthly and would be happy to take any that we collect.

Any questions?

## **JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY SEPTEMBER UPDATE**

In July 2019, the Food Pantry served 333 families in need - a total of 859 individuals. In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided 2,820 lunches for 141 school age children! A special thank you to Aldersgate United Methodist Church for providing volunteers for the month of July.

September is National Hunger Action Month Help the Juniata County Food Pantry  
Fight Hunger in Our Community by - Eating!

Join us in the following activities.

MERF Radio is sponsoring "Franks for Food" Saturday, September 21, 11-1 at Weis Market in Mifflintown. The MerfDog and friends will be grilling up FREE hot dogs and handing out free bags of chips! Anyone who's able is asked to throw a non-perishable food item into the cart for the Juniata County Food Pantry. If not, that's okay. They'll still grill you up a frank!

We also gladly accept donations of cash and gift cards for GROCERY & DISCOUNT STORES.

Our vestibule is open to receive non-perishable donations any hour, any day, but please deliver perishable foods when we are open. Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule. Thank you!

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Visit our Website: [www.jcfoodpantry.com](http://www.jcfoodpantry.com) Like us on Face Book!

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# LR-TT U.M. Churches September 2019 Newsletter Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat													
<b>1</b> 12th Sunday <b>After Pentecost</b>  7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office Communion (in the pews)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>													
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<b>15</b> 14th Sunday <b>After Pentecost</b>  7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office Pennies for Pipp, TT LR Pottluck Meal after Worship, pavilion	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>													
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<b>22</b> 15th Sunday <b>After Pentecost</b>  7:30am, Men's Prayer Meeting, TT Office "Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday, TT	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>													
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# **LOCUST RUN-THOMPSONTOWN U.M. CHURCHES**

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